



## June 2021 Newsletter

Welcome to our June 21 newsletter. We have detailed some information which will take us to the end of this summer term.

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine over the long weekend. Our children have been outside learning in all weathers and making the most of the new outdoor area to develop their numeracy and maths skills.

Sports day has been organised as part of our Health Week in June and despite our hope to invite the families along as is our tradition, unfortunately, we are not permitted to have spectators. We will endeavour to capture the events as best we can for our families. Our P1 induction days will start on our return from the bank holiday. I look forward to meeting our new cohort to the Hillview family and speaking with the new parents - even if virtually.

Our staff having completed parental telephone appointments are now in the middle of finalising report cards and we will be ready to share these by the end of term. As always, your feedback and input helps support our pupils and their learning experiences. Please use the **Form** at the end of the newsletter or alternatively contact the school office to add comments or suggestions for consideration.

I hope you all enjoy the sunshine this week!

***Mrs McGurren***

## Health Week



We have been lucky enough to receive funding from the RES (Renewable Energy Systems) group and as a result have organised a Health and Wellbeing Week for the whole school to enjoy. We will have a variety of visitors coming to work with the pupils over the course of the week.

The children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different activities such as Yoga, Mindfulness, Drama and various sports. As well as taking part in some planned activities the children will also be learning about Health and Wellbeing in class. We have also used the funding to purchase resources that we are able to use again in the future.

To allow the children to fully benefit from all the experiences we would ask that they come to school dressed in jogging trousers/shorts, school polo shirt and trainers that week.

We are hopeful the sun will shine for the week as most activities will be outdoors. If we are fortunate enough to have sunny weather please ensure your child has sun cream on and brings a cap or sun hat to school. A lot of the events will involve physical activity so please ensure your child has a water bottle with fresh water every day to keep them hydrated. We would also encourage you to send them to school with healthy snacks that week.

As part of our Health week we will be focusing on Health and Wellbeing as part of our homework. We have created some Health and Wellbeing challenges for the children to enjoy with their families. We have also set up a Strava Challenge that families can take part in. We are hoping that the pupils, parents and staff can walk the length of Scotland (274 miles) between Monday morning and Friday afternoon.

**Remember you can run, walk or cycle! In order to take part parents must upload the Strava app, search groups, search Hillview Health week and set the privacy settings to 1 mile.**

A huge thank you to the Parent council who will be providing a snack and juice treat for all of our pupils!

We are all looking forward to this week and will be sharing pictures on Twitter so please remember to follow us @HillviewERC

## Water bottles



Due to a return to warmer weather, many of the children are requesting water. Please could I ask all parents to send in pupils with plastic water bottles filled with water only to ensure they are hydrated through this summer term.

## P7 Events



As we reach the final month of our Primary 7's time at Hillview there are several events for the children to look forward to and capture as forever memories. Plans are in place as outlined below complying with COVID restrictions at the current time.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Information</b>
09/06/21	10am-2pm	Sports Activities at BHS MUGA and Cowan Park	<b>As part of our Health and Wellbeing Week, Chris Rose (Active Schools Coordinator) has a morning of sporting activities planned for the day using the BHS facilities and at Cowan Park. Children to wear full PE Kit Hillview Polo shirt and black leggings/jogging bottoms. Children need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Staff and pupils will walk to and from the event.</b>
14/06/21	9.35am-12.20pm	Barrhead High School	<b>Children to wear full Hillview Uniform and they will be escorted to the high school by Hillview staff.</b>
15/06/21	1.55pm – 3.35pm	Barrhead High School	<b>Children to wear full PE Kit Hillview Polo shirt and black leggings/jogging bottoms. <i>Children to be picked up from High School by parents.</i></b>
16/06/21	1.30pm – 3.00pm	P7 Beach Party	<b>Children to wear their own clothes</b>
17/06/21	All day	Trip to Flip Out	<b>Children to wear full PE kit.</b>
18/06/21	All day	Trip to Heads of Ayr	<b>Children to wear their own clothes.</b>
25/06/21	1.00pm	Piper	<b>P7 children will be piped down to the bottom of the playground where they can meet their parents at the gate.</b>

Staff and pupils are currently working hard to produce a Primary 7 video to capture the wonderful times our Class of 2021 have had over the last 7 years.

Your support with all these events is greatly appreciated as we provide as many memorable experiences as we can through ever changing restrictions.

## Nursery to P1 Transition



Congratulations to all of the children who will be graduating from Nursery/ Pre-school in June.

All going well and complying with Covid guidelines, we will be having outdoor transition sessions on **Tuesday 8th June and 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Parents/ carers of all pupils transitioning from Nursery to Hillview should receive an email with further information - times, arrangements etc. If you have not received this notification, or you know of someone else who has not received it, please contact the school office.

We are really looking forward to meeting our new P1s.

## Free School Transport Applications 2021-22



Please find below the link to the free school transport application and guidance:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/free-school-transport>

## Friends of Hillview Update

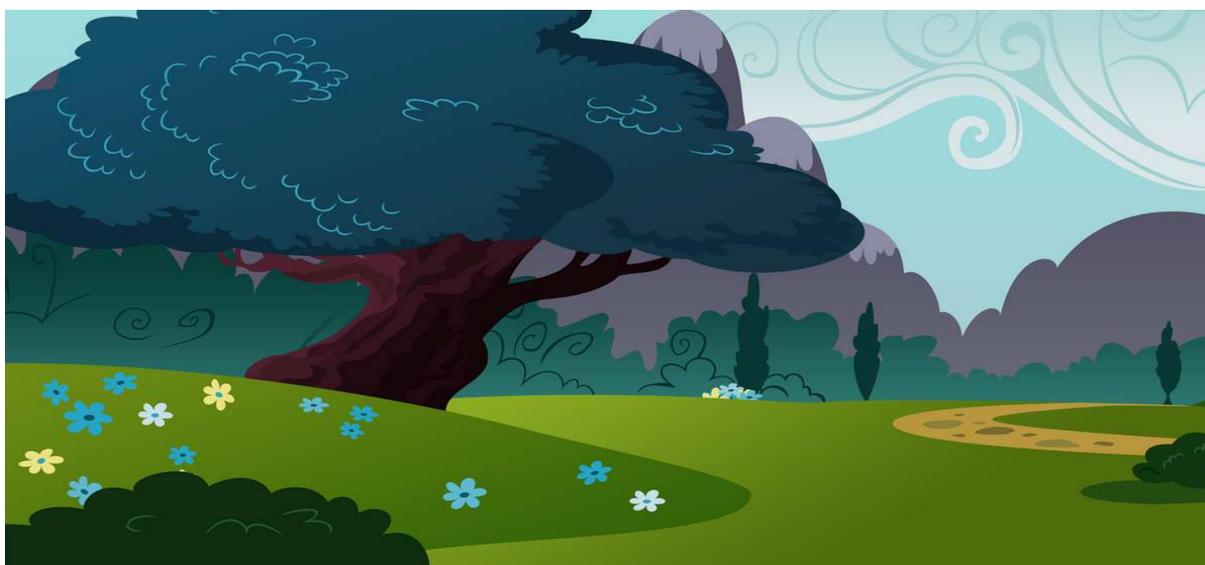


As we come to the end of the school year the Parent Council are looking to expand their members for next session. It would be beneficial for the whole school community if we could have parental representation for each stage of the school.

I know many classes have a Parents Whatsapp group and it would be very useful if you are willing to volunteer to support the school moving forward if you could contact the Friends of Hillview facebook page or alternatively let us know here at the school. The first meeting of session 2021/22 will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm.

I would personally like to thank all of the current members for their help and support with events that have taken place this year.

## Outdoor grounds improvement



In addition to the Friends of Hillview, we would like to establish a separate outdoor parent Garden committee to help develop the grounds with some of our pupils and teaching staff.

Mrs Zeitlin to date has begun to develop some areas within the school and she is currently contacting local businesses to further develop areas within the grounds. It would be of real benefit if some parents would be willing to lend a hand or some advice for new projects for next session.

If you would be willing please send an email or telephone us at the school before the end of term.

## Composite Class

Following a change in both our staffing complement and school roll for next session, we will have 10 classes however one of these will be a composite class.

A composite class is composed of children from more than one stage/year group. For the session 2021/22 a primary 4/5 composite class will be established, this will have children from both primary 4 and primary 5 (current P3 and P4 classes).

In primary schools, children are mainly taught in groups or individually, according to their needs. This principle is central to the development of each child, regardless of whether he/she is in a single stage or composite class. Teachers are trained to adapt their teaching to meet the needs of the pupils under their charge. Every class contains children at different ability levels.

I will be working with staff in the next few weeks to reconfigure P4, P4/5 and P5 classes. An information leaflet regarding this will be sent out to parents with details of which class and teacher their child is allocated to within the next few weeks.

## School holiday dates

Please take note the holidays commence from 1pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, details for next session are below.

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2021/2022**

TERM	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	
First	<b>Teachers return</b> <i>In-Service</i> <i>In-Service</i> <b>Pupils return</b>	Monday 16 August 2021 Monday 16 August 2021 Tuesday 17 August 2021 Wednesday 18 August 2021
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>September Weekend</i> <i>September Weekend</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Thursday 23 September 2021</b> <i>Friday 24 September 2021</i> <i>Monday 27 September 2021</i> <b>Tuesday 28 September 2021</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>In-Service</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Friday 8 October 2021</b> <i>Monday 18 October 2021</i> <b>Tuesday 19 October 2021</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 December 2021</b>
Second	<b>Re-open</b>	<b>Wednesday 5 January 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>In-Service</i> <i>Mid-Term</i> <i>Mid-Term</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Thursday 3 February 2022</b> <i>Friday 4 February 2022</i> <i>Monday 7 February 2022</i> <i>Tuesday 8 February 2022</i> <b>Wednesday 9 February 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b>	<b>Friday 1 April 2022</b>
Third	<b>Re-open</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 April 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>May Day Holiday</i> <b>Re-open</b> <i>In-Service</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Friday 29 April 2022</b> <i>Monday 2 May 2022</i> <b>Tuesday 3 May 2022</b> <i>Thursday 5 May 2022</i> <b>Friday 6 May 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>May Weekend</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Thursday 26 May 2022</b> <i>Friday 27 May 2022</i> <b>Monday 30 May 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b> <i>May Weekend</i> <i>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</i> <b>Re-open</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 June 2022</b> <i>Thursday 2 June 2022</i> <i>Friday 3 June 2022</i> <b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>
	<b>Last day of school</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 June 2022</b>

## Suggestion Box



If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback, please send them in on this [Form](#) and we will do our best to reflect on or answer queries.